



# 25 things to do in Spring

- 1 Collect a flower to press, then place it between newspaper sheets and a layer of cardboard. Weigh it down with books and leave until your flower dries flat
- 2 Visit your local Stratco store for butterfly garden plants plus everything you need to establish them in your backyard. Their trained horticulturalists can help you select plants for caterpillars to eat such as Paper Daisies for the Painted Lady.
- 3 Set up a home nature display with your spring finds
- 4 Picnic by a wetland: watch waterbirds and listen for frogs, such as Spotted Marsh or Banjo frogs
- 5 Look for wildflowers near paths and gum trees at your local National Park (see if you can spot Donkey, Spider, or Sun orchids)
- 6 Create a nature journal: draw or write about seasonal changes to plants and animals
- 7 Listen for male Koalas grunting from gum trees in the wild (it's their breeding season)
- 8 Make a mobile from natural items and hang it outdoors
- 9 Use a net and magnifying glass to see what you can scoop in a creek or wetland (put back what you find)
- 10 Walk along the beach to see how many white cuttlebones you can discover (cuttlefish have just finished breeding)
- 11 Bike ride somewhere new with family or friends
- 12 Attract wildlife to your garden by adding a birdbath, logs, or rocks (also known as a lizard lounge!)
- 13 Book a campsite in a National Park or caravan park
- 14 Build (or buy) a native bee hotel for your garden (native bees don't make hives)
- 15 Collect fallen sticks and build a cubby or giant nest
- 16 Plant tomatoes, basil, cucumbers, or lettuce in a Stratco garden bed, pots, or recycled egg or milk cartons (check out your local Stratco store for gardening supplies)
- 17 Make a crown from sour sobs, lavender, or paper daisies
- 18 Celebrate National Threatened Species Day on 7 September by researching a local threatened species (such as Southern Brown Bandicoots or Yellow-tailed Black Cockatoos)
- 19 Look for coastal treasures washed up after a storm, like different shaped sponges, squid eggs, and shells
- 20 Create a potion using petals, pebbles, and other natural ingredients
- 21 Write a poem or story about how spring makes you feel
- 22 Adventure to a place you've never been such as a Reservoir, Botanic Garden, or forest
- 23 Visit a wetland, estuary, or lake to watch migratory shorebirds arriving from their 10,000 km journey from Siberia (try the Adelaide International Bird Sanctuary - Winaityinaityi Pangkara)
- 24 Create a living tepee in your yard by digging sticks into the ground. Plant edible climbers at the base, such as peas or beans
- 25 Go on a regional road trip or spend a few days in the sunshine in a new wild place



Donkey Orchid

*\* Choose flowers you recognise are safe, such as lavender, rose, and wattle. Wherever your adventures take you – we encourage you to learn about the Traditional Owners of the land and the role plants, animals, and the landscape play in their cultural and spiritual beliefs.*



Spotted Marsh Frog